

Legislators consider proposals

Officials differ on NU-state college reorganization

By DAN PRESCHER

The Legislature will consider several proposals this session aimed at reorganizing the Nebraska University system.

Official estimates on chances for passing any of them ranged from "wait and see" to "slim and none."

As Gretna Sen. Emil Beyer said at a legislative breakfast sponsored by the Metro Area Planning Agency at UNO last Saturday, "We haven't seen any (finished) bills yet."

Beyer explained that the finished bills wouldn't be in the legislator's hands until early this week.

Both Bellevue Sen. D. Paul Hartnett and Omaha Sen. Dan Lynch declined to make specific comments on reorganization at the breakfast.

Hartnett and Lynch both had general responses to reorganization, however.

Hartnett said he thought there were "too many administrators at the university level. There should be one big university, and that's down in Lincoln, not here (in Omaha)."

For his part, Chancellor Del Weber said in an interview Monday that he knew about the various proposals only through the media.

"I'd agree with the Citizens' Commission report that there is a need for further coordination," Weber said, referring to the report by Gov. Kerrey's Citizens' Commission on Post-Secondary Education.

"How that comes about," he added, "is another matter."

Omaha Sen. Glen Goodrich said it is "too early to tell" if any postsecondary educational reorganization proposals will be passed by the Legislature. "I don't give them much of a chance. I'm not going to support the measures."

"I do not see a ground swell of support in the Legislature for any" of the proposed changes, Goodrich added.

Two resolutions and one bill on reorganization are being considered by the Legislature this session.

LR 32, offered by Scottsbluff Sen. William Nichol on behalf of Gov. Kerrey, provides for an appointed Board of Regents rather than the present elected board.

Appointment of regents was one of the recommendations made by Gov. Kerrey's commission.

The measure would require a change in the state constitution. If passed by the Legislature, it would appear on the November 1986 general-election ballot.

If approved, eight board members would be appointed in 1988. A full term would last six years, but the proposal calls for initial terms to be staggered in periods of two, three, four and six years.

"I have stated many times I doubt this structure of governance is really going to resolve concerns of duplication of services," said Farnam Sen. Tom Vickers, chairman of the Legislature's Education Committee. Inter-campus duplication will still exist unless there is more cooperation between institutions, he said.

"I'm not in favor of combining the governing boards," Vickers said.

Vickers said he did not expect the Legislature to approve any proposed reorganization plan. "I am willing to keep an open mind on an elected versus appointed board," but "my sense is (the Legislature) would not make major changes" in Nebraska's postsecondary governance structure.

"The most (the Legislature) may do is put (LB 32) before the people, and I question whether even that would pass," Vickers said.

"I hope, as we look into the future, people would realize we can find a way to resolve the concerns of most access to programs at the least cost. Now those may be opposing concepts, but I believe it can happen without changing the structure" of governance, he said.

LR 36 calls for the merger of NU with the state colleges at Kearney, Chadron, Wayne and Peru.

The measure, proposed by Omaha Sen. Peter Hoagland, sat-

isfies another Citizens' Commission recommendation, that NU and state colleges merge.

The measure also calls for a Board of Regents consisting of five appointed and eight elected members.

Hoagland said he anticipates passage of his LR 36. "It originates in the principle of the Governor's commission," Hoagland said. "It's one of the four or five most important bills introduced this year."

"I also support the Governor's bill (to appoint the Board of Regents)," said Hoagland. I think it's an extremely good reform if we could get it done. It would improve higher education considerably."

If passed by the Legislature, the proposal would also have to be voted on in the 1986 general election.

LB 695 is proposed by North Platte Sen. Jim Pappas. The bill calls for the most extensive reorganization of the three measures.

Under Pappas' proposal, UNL, the Institute of Agricultural and Natural Resources and the UN Med Center would be consolidated under an elected Board of Regents. The academic portions of the two-year colleges at Columbus, Fairbury, North Platte, Scottsbluff, Grand Island and Fort Omaha would act as feeder units with open enrollment. Lincoln campus enrollment would be restricted.

UNO and Kearney State would become the primary campuses of a Nebraska State University system under the proposal. Chadron State College and Mid-Plains Technical Community College at McCook would be satellite campuses for Kearney, with Peru State and Wayne State colleges serving as satellites for Omaha.

The plan calls for a state university board of trustees to administer the system.

When asked about the chances of his proposal passing, Pappas said, "Slim or none. Slim or none for any of them."

"When you change something like that, you make too many people mad, so you just don't get enough people here to make changes."



Kirk Frost

Enduring beauty

The serenity of a winter sunset over Arts and Sciences Hall belies the buzz of construction on campus. Even with the many changes planned for UNO, including the construction of a parking garage nearby, Arts and Sciences Hall will still be "UNO's homestead" for most of the university community.

Comment

We merit better

In one form or another, the concept of reorganizing the system of governing Nebraska's postsecondary educational institutions under a single governing board is now before the Legislature. Proposals call for either an entirely elected Board of Regents, or one composed of both elected and appointed Regents.

Scottsbluff Sen. Jim Pappas' LB 695 proposes an elected board to oversee UNL, Lincoln's Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the Medical Center, UNO and Kearney State College would be the main campuses of a "Nebraska State University" system, which would be governed by an appointed Board of Regents. Both systems would contain other "satellite" campuses.

This plan is similar to one proposed by Gov. Kerrey's Citizens' Commission for the Study of Higher Education last October.

In either plan, UNO is separated from the University of Nebraska system.

After 15 years as part of the NU system, it would seem UNO should be kept as such. Although it is often said in Omaha that UNO does not get its "fair share" of NU funds, divorcing UNO from UNL and the Medical Center would not elevate its status among this state's educational institutions.

UNO should remain connected to UNL and the Medical Center. The University of Nebraska system is this state's premier postsecondary educational network. Although Kearney State is a fine institution in its own right, it is still a college, and UNO is, to quote Chancellor Del Weber, "... a university by any accepted definition of the word that I know."

Putting UNO on a par with Kearney State, regardless of whether that system is labeled "Nebraska State University," or something else, still smacks of relegating UNO to a lesser status vis-a-vis UNL and the Medical Center. UNO deserves better.

---JOHN MALNACK II



Hackish musings

By Kevin Cole

Existential questions

I dunno. Maybe it's the drab, overcast, January weather. Maybe it's my Irish ancestry. But during the past couple of weeks, I've caught myself, on numerous occasions, waxing philosophically.

I mean, a little introspection is good for the soul, but pondering the existential implications of a man's relationship to his overcoat is just a step away from wondering how many worlds exist within the lint of one's navel.

By the way, I've determined that the weight of a man's overcoat is directly proportional to his sex drive. The heavier the coat, the less fervent is his drive. (This can all be proven mathematically.)

At any rate, philosophical thinking can be somewhat of a downer when overdone. The answers are nebulous. "Is the glass of water half empty or half full?" goes the old Peace Corps test question. But they never tell you the correct answer.

It's like the Rorschach inkblot test. The shrink won't tell you how you did. He just smiles smugly and scribbles down an analysis describing you as a paranoid schizophrenic with latent heterosexual tendencies.

Yet, more and more, I find myself turning a perfectly good belly-laugh into a brooding rumination. Am I laughing because

seeing Benny Hill miss the nurse and goose the doctor is great slapstick comedy? Or am I laughing at the gag because of a twisted disposition toward the medical profession?

Yes, philosophy can be frustrating. I don't know how many sleepless nights I've spent wondering about man's place in the universe. Does it come with a two-car garage, or will he have to park on the street?

Furthermore, if man is just a speck in the mind of God, will the end of the world one day come via a giant dust cloth? Who knows, one day he might take his glasses off to clean them, and whoosh — an entire alien world disappears.

Clearly, my poor brain has been perverted by the questions of thinkers such as Nietzsche, Kierkegaard, Moore and Allen. I think it was Allen who put it best when he philosophized, "The lamb and the lion may lay down together, but does that mean the lamb will get any sleep?" I mean, how can the layman argue with that?

That brings us to death, the greatest philosophical bugaboo of all time. We are talking major contemplation here, bub. Personally, I've often theorized that death is merely the result of the mind having seen too many reruns of "The Brady Bunch," and then opting for oblivion rather than risk another. Sort of

an inbred defense mechanism, you might say.

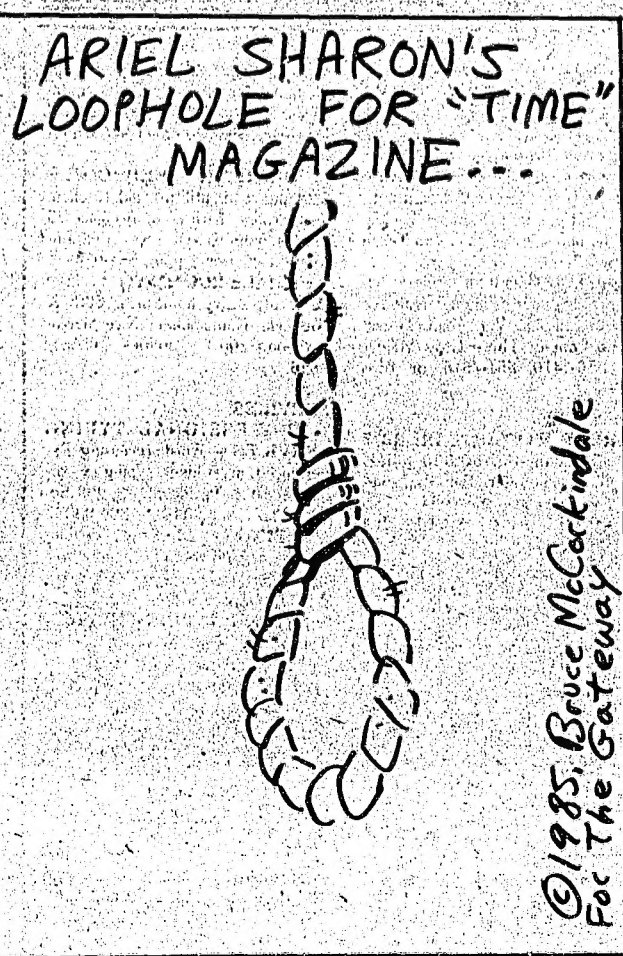
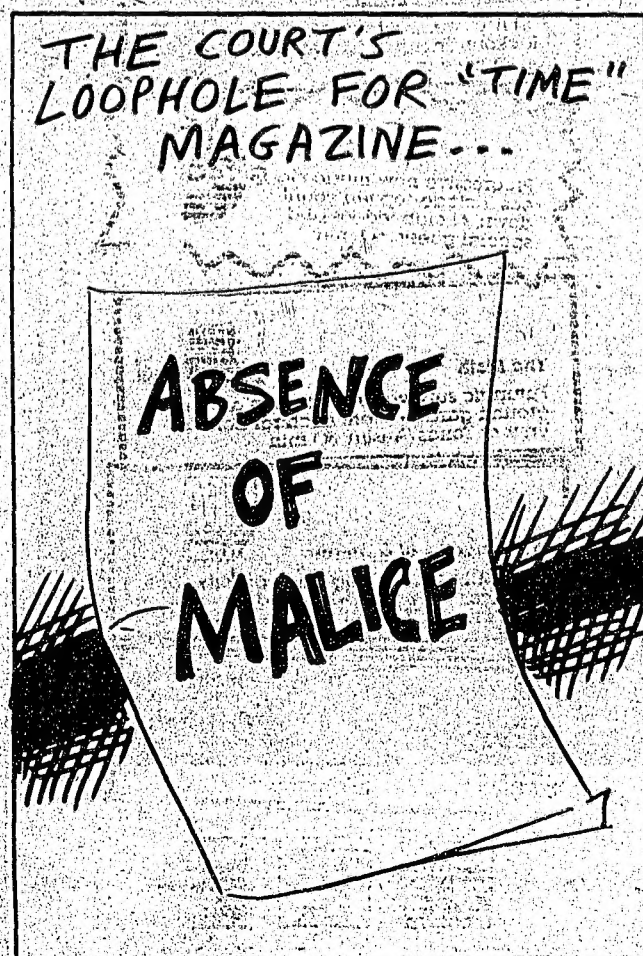
Other philosophers have quarreled bitterly over the question of whether death has any relevancy to the human experience. Henry Thoreau, for one, said he was totally in favor of death as a form of civil disobedience. To dramatize his point, he remains dead 'til this day as a demonstration of his personal conviction.

Like other philosophical questions, death and its proper use will remain with us as long as it continues to be fashionable. Sooner or later, another kooky philosophy trend is bound to take over.

Myself, I think I'll try and climb out of the clouds and fall bone-shatteringly back to earth. Sky-diving has long been touted as a means of stimulating a person's creative thought.

At 10,000 feet, the question of whether the ripcord is really there or simply a figment in the mind of a superior intellect takes on a whole new significance.

Then again, it's probable that my philosophy days will heretofore be limited to the riddles of the Cubs' batting order, the cold can of beer on my stomach and that little lint ball in my navel that holds untold numbers of other worlds.



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Letters

Dead babies: 15,000,000; adults: 0

To the Editor:

Is it true that, according to the McCorkindale cartoon of Jan. 25, he's becoming a hibernating cartoonist? I hope so. His slams of the President and moral issues are a waste of ink.

Like any journalism, the political cartoon should contain some truth. Mr. McCorkindale's Jan. 23 cartoon implies lives are being threatened by abortion clinic bombings. At last count it was still 15 million dead babies to zero adults.

Bruce should have read the editorial comment of Jan. 23, adding to the cry of the elderly, the subway riders of New York, and women, the cry of America's unborn whose attitude is "We're fed up with being victims (of crime)." L. Kotchka

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to the cartoon depicting Pro-life advocates bombing an abortion clinic. (Gateway, Jan. 23.) The cartoon is a total misrepresentation of the Pro-life movement. Although many of the bombings were committed by individuals who adhere to the philosophies of the Pro-life movement, none of the bombings were committed by legitimate Pro-life organizations. Those individuals acted by themselves.

Along with many other members of the Pro-life movement, I condemn the actions of those individuals because they are unlawful and discredit the intentions and values of the movement. The Pro-life movement will be successful by using legal and moral action to reverse the Supreme Court decision, not by the use of violence which is neither legal nor moral.

Sincerely,
John Spetham
Senior, International
Finance Major

To the Editor:

I would like to thank you for the shift towards the center in Gateway editorials. In the 18 months that I've been a UNO student this is the first time that I have agreed with two consecutive editorials. Keep up the good work!

With regards to your Jan. 23 editorial on victims fighting back, I couldn't agree more. Supreme Court Justice Stewart once said that "When people begin to believe that organized society is unwilling or unable to impose upon criminal offenders the punishment they 'deserve,' then there are sown the seeds of anarchy — of self-help, vigilante justice, and lynch law." Justice Stewart said that in his concurring

opinion in *Furman vs. Georgia* (1972). Thirteen years later we are seeing that he was right. The public perceives (perhaps correctly) that our criminal justice system is failing to do its job.

The Jan. 25th editorial hit the nail on the head. Since UNO has a major business college, we should be stressing foreign languages in order for our nation to regain its preeminent position in the world. International companies are stifled in their growth if they cannot effectively communicate with foreign countries. It is in our own best interests to learn foreign languages. America's back: bigger, stronger and better. Let's keep it that way.

Wade D. Goehring

To the Editors:

Flags on the UNO campus were recently flown at half-mast in "honor" of Mrs. Farber. They should be lowered again when the structurally magnificent home she cherished succumbs to the University's bulldozers. Indeed, the Regents, UNO administrators and students, and all Omaha residents should hang their heads at the wasteful death of a whole historic and irreplaceable neighborhood. The saddest part of all is the entire project is un-

necessary and is squandering our tax dollars. Ronda Stevens

To the Editor:

I wish the administration would hurry up and tear down the Farber house so we can get a parking lot put up in its place. UNO needs more parking, not another old house to look at.

For too long our society has been saving often-time useless "historic sites" in lieu of needed progress and change. The special interests of a few left-wingers have been shoved down our throats long enough. Sure, old buildings are nice to look at, but when they stand in the way of what's good for the community, they should be removed.

Anyway, the Farber house is not the only old mansion in town. I suggest a trip through Fairacres, the Happy Hollow area or Dundee for those who like to gaze at large old houses.

Sincerely,
Max Webster

Editor's note: I, for one, deplore the removal or demolition of the Farber house, Mr. Webster, and I don't consider myself a "left-winger."

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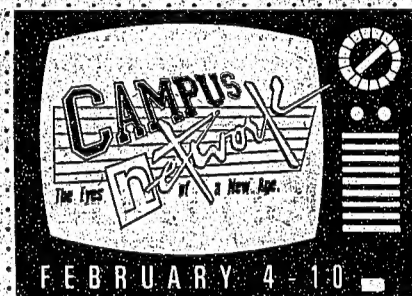
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Review

Time-honored 'Odd Couple' still holds a few surprises

The Firehouse Dinner Theater's production of "The Odd Couple" is a fine example of a professional theatrical comedy with a lot of polish.

The dialogue is a crisply delivered string of snappy remarks and weighty one-liners. Delivering these lines are two very good actors possessing flawless timing and a genuine feel for their characters. But is it funny?

Chances are, if you thought the television series or the movie was funny, you'll think this play is funny, too.

Neil Simon's classic comedy has been worked to death, in the movie and, especially, television.

One can't help but draw comparisons to these past productions while this play unfolds, partly because the acting is so on target and partly because it's like watching the television show again.

Oscar Madison, the crass, sloppy sports writer, is portrayed nicely by New Yorker Jerry Grayson. In his Firehouse debut, Grayson pro-

duces the Oscar we all know and love. Cigarette-toting, beer-chugging, raspy-voiced and con-ning. Yet, he's got a heart of gold and a soft spot for his kids and a friend in need.

Firehouse executive producer Dick Mueller returns to the stage after a two-year break in the role of the nitpicking, ball of nerves Felix Unger.

Mueller's choice to return to the stage as Felix was a good one, and so is his performance. Felix is as impeccable a dresser as ever. He's awkward and honest, articulate and allergic, a perfectly lost soul with nerves like a stretched rubber band.

The rest of the cast hold up their end with no problems. Jerry Sims is a loveable good guy as Murray the policeman. Paul Smith, an Offutt Air Force Base engineer, works well as Vinnie, the wiry, bespectacled cohort who resembles Felix in both his nervous nature and his appreciation for a well-made sandwich.

Former Omaha Community Playhouse Di-

rector Fritz Congdon and Firehouse newcomer Stan Widman fill out the rest of the poker game with fine performances as Speed and Roy.

Judith Radcliff and Rosanne Glock deliver sticky-sweet portrayals of the coo-cooing Pidgeon sisters.

Paul Drake, who makes his directorial debut, delivers a very slick production. The simple set is unassuming and comfortable, and the pace of the show is kept at near break-neck speed from the outset. It must have been a pleasure for Drake to work with such a strong cast.

It was the strength of these actors that helped keep an otherwise formulaized comedy from becoming ho-hum. After all, we've all heard these jokes at one time or another on the television show or the movie. The unexpected is always the best comedy, and there are times when it shines through in this production.

Oscar enters the apartment, full of anticipation for the upcoming evening with the Pidgeon sisters, when he stops, turns and tosses

his hat, Frisbee-style, on the coat rack. Felix, operating under the combined pressures of nervousness and extreme politeness, lights Gwendolyn Pidgeon's cigarette only to snap the lighter down on top of it and carry it away. Little things make this comedy enjoyable.

As usual, the Firehouse production is quite well done, owing to a fine cast and an equally fine script. Yet, a comedy with fewer miles on it would be a lot funnier.

The Firehouse has also chosen this play to introduce their new Sunday night "show only" tickets. The special promotion features tickets for the show only for \$13, or a dinner theater ticket for \$19. The Sunday night dinner will be served at Harrigan's Tavern, below the Firehouse. The dinner will also feature an expanded menu. The traditional dinner-theater arrangement will continue on other show nights.

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—KENNY WILLIAMS

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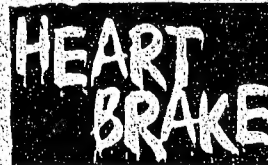
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That's right, a luau complete with grass skirts, suntan lotion, Hawaiian shirts, pina colodas, leis and belly dancing. Combine that with a truly incredible musical lineup, and you have the "Second Annual Winter Luau" this Sunday at the Howard Street Tavern, 1112 Howard.

Organizer Dave Barger said the idea originated from a luau that his old band, Risky Shift, played while on tour in Colorado. It was so enjoyable, he transplanted his version to Omaha last winter. The first Winter Luau was held at the Riviera Club.

Tickets for this year's show assure you a glimpse of a veritable who's-who of local musical acts. The 14-act lineup features The Inferno Club, The Backbeats, B & the Hot Notes, Risky Shift, Curley Ennis, Doug Lambert, Debby Greenblatt and David Seay, The Jailbreakers, Oasis, Big Thumbs, Triple Play, Jon Lawton, Paul Connor and a special return engagement of Natasha the Belly Dancer.

The Luau also includes catered food, available to all ticket holders. Drinks are not included. Promoter Barger, who minces no words when it comes to food, says it will be "fantastic."

Door prizes will also be given away, including authentic flower leis, fresh coconuts and pineapples, a year's pass to all shows at the Howard Street, a hula hoop and more.

Omaha music very rarely puts this much talent together at one time, let alone in such a wide variety. A show like that shouldn't be missed. Tickets are available in advance at the Howard Street for \$9.50, with prices jumping to \$10.50 the day of the show. That works out to something like 68 cents per band, plus all the food you can eat. It's easily the best deal in town this weekend. Doors open at 3 p.m., with music at 4 and food at 5. Be there. Aloha.

--KENNY WILLIAMS



Larry Ferguson

The sun, the sand, the waves . . . won't be at the Howard Street Sunday night, but these happy people will. They're in the 14 bands playing for the "Second Annual Winter Luau." Included are The Backbeats, B & the Hot Notes and Jailbreakers. Not pictured: Natasha the Belly Dancer.

What's Next

Graduate students who wish to graduate May 11, 1985 must apply for their degree in the Registrar's Office by March 8, 1985. Graduate students are encouraged to call the Graduate Office (554-2341) to make sure all materials necessary for graduation are on file.

Give me hope, help me cope

A series of study skills and personal development seminars are being offered during the coming weeks by UNO's Learning Center and

the Counseling/University Division Units of Educational and Student Services. These College Survival Seminars will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Center Gallery Room. Many of the seminar presenters are members of the UNO faculty.

The Tuesday/Wednesday sessions will focus on study skills, with "Test-Taking Skills," Feb. 5-6, and "Tips on Term Papers," Feb. 12-13, held in Eppley 117.

Graduate students

Thursday/Friday sessions will be concerned with aspects of personal development, with "Interpersonal Communication," Feb. 1, "Stress Management," Feb. 7-8, "Student Assertiveness," Feb. 14-15, and "Alcohol Use and Abuse," Feb. 22. Questions? Call 554-2490.

Get your career in gear

Career Development Workshops will be offered on the UNO campus for students and non-

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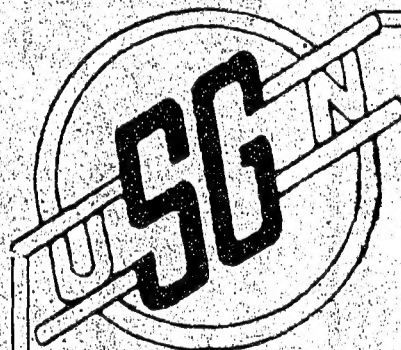
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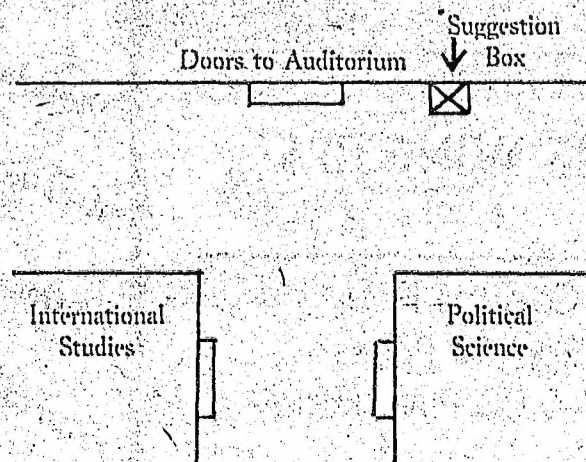
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Sports

Lady Mavs race into season with double win

Sherry Crist cruised to easy wins in the mile and 1,000 as UNO downed South Dakota and Lincoln University (Jefferson City, Mo.) in the second track outing of the season.

Coach Bob Condon's team swept 10 of 12 running events to score 66 points, Lincoln University was second with 44 and South Dakota took third with 41.

UNO was unable to win any field events, but placed highly in each. According to Condon, Becky Kapperman had been leading the triple jump until Lincoln's Brenda Carter leaped 36-3 1/4 on her final jump.

Condon picked junior Tracy Benning as the Lady-Mav-of-the-week for her second-place effort in the shot put. Benning got her technique under control and tossed the shot a foot over her personal best.

"Tracy has been quite erratic," Condon said.

"Erratic, in the sense that she has thrown well in practice, but not in the meet."

Winning efforts on the track came from Kapperman in the 60-yard dash, Gina Joehim in the 440 and Sheila Brown in the 600. Condon said Brown set a new school record in the 600 and Kapperman tied her previous record in the 60.

Sophomore Karen Osada continued to show improvement on the track, racing to a personal best in the two mile. Another UNO sophomore, Janice Moreau, cruised to her second win of the season in the 880. According to Condon, Moreau is just off qualifying for the indoor national meet.

"Moreau negative-split her race," Condon said. "She just kept getting faster and faster."

"Osada ran a lifetime best," Condon said, "but the difference is ... this time she went out and took the lead. She's talented, but we

need her confidence to get up with her ability."

Tonight, the Lady Mavs will travel to Lincoln for the Nebraska Wesleyan Invitational. Condon said that he expects most of the state colleges will be at the meet. Midland, which defeated the Lady Mavs in the first outing of the year, is expected to give UNO its stiffest challenge for the meet title.

Results

Long Jump - 4, Gina Joehim, 14-10 1/4. Shot Put - 2, Tracy Benning, 39-3 1/4. 4, Robyn Jackson, 31-4. High Jump - 2, Sheila Brown, 5-3. 3, Deanna Hodges, 5-0. Triple Jump - 2, Becky Kapperman, 35-11 1/4.

60-yard dash - 1, Becky Kapperman, 7.1. 300 - 2, Becky Kapperman, 37.3. 440 - 1, Gina Joehim, 1:00.5. 600 - 1, Sheila Brown, 1:27.0. 880 - 1, Janice Moreau, 2:19.6. 1,000 - 1, Sherry Crist, 2:40.0. 2, Dina McCoy, 2:48.3. Mile - 1, Sherry Crist, 5:10.0. 2, Linda Elsasser, 5:22.2. Two Mile - 1, Karen Osada, 11:32.2. 2, Cheryl Fonley, 11:42.1. Mile relay - 1, UNO, 4:04.2.



Scot Shugart

Cruisin' ... Lady Mav Sherry Crist breaks the tape as former all-American Jim Hall checks the time.



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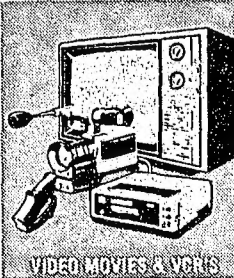
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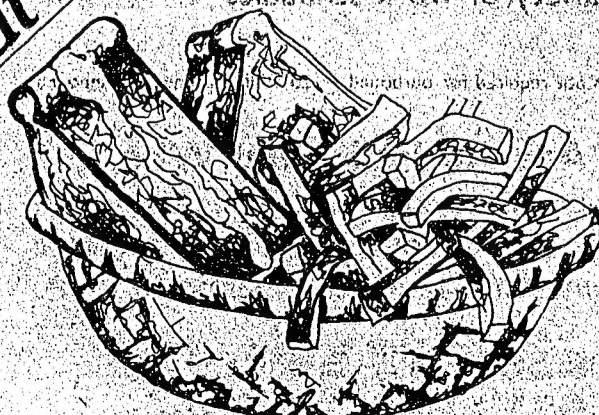
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Track team runs to second victory

By MIKE JONES

The Maverick track team prepped for its upcoming invitational by easily downing Lincoln University (Jefferson City, Mo.) and the University of South Dakota.

UNO scored 68 points to USD's 47 and Lincoln's 30 in last Saturday's triangular. The Mavs picked up wins from Al McLaughlin in the 440, Jim Skovsende in the 600, Mike Mingo in the 1,000 and Ben Welch in the two mile.

McLaughlin, a senior, showed his experience by out-running two South Dakota runners and a Lincoln runner. McLaughlin ran a well-placed third for lap one, battling Lincoln's Steve McClellan on his inside. At the one lap-break, McLaughlin was still third, but he swung wide as they entered the third turn and passed the field on the curve. McLaughlin led the field down the backstretch and then held them off as they went around the final curve to the finish.

Skovsende ran a smoother race than his debut a week earlier, and easily held off USD's Kevin Hoefling and Darin Ennis for a one-second victory. Mingo too, had little competition in wrapping up his second win of the season. Mingo won by one second over USD's Mike Martin, who was doubling back from the mile.

Junior miler Byron Murrell put on a gutsy performance in both the mile and 880 by leading the field for most of the distance in both races. Murrell finished third in both races behind sophomore teammate Gerald Harder.

USD's Kirk Woltman won the mile and Lincoln's Anthony Osheku took the 880. According to Patton, Osheku was a member of the Nigerian National team. Another Nigerian, Gabrielle Okon, won the 60 and 300. Patton said that Okon was a participant in the Summer Olympics.

Patton said that many of the UNO runners were unable to finish strongly because the team had worked hard in preparation for the UNO Invitational.

Turning in excellent performances, Patton said, were freshman jumpers Paul Barnes and Larry Lucke. Lucke and Barnes both cleared a personal record (PR) 6-8.

Freshman vaulter Devin Kosmicki became the first UNO athlete to qualify for the inaugural NCAA Division II national indoor meet when he cleared 15-6 1/4 on his second attempt. Kosmicki has moved his PR up by more than a foot over his high school best.

UNO was without the services of shot putter Bruce Cook. Cook suffered smoke inhalation when his parents' house caught fire last week and he was unable to compete.

UNO failed to win the final event of the triangular when Gerald Harder, running on the inside, was forced farther in by a South Dakota runner who was trying to pass on the outside. Harder tried to force the runner away from him by using the relay baton he was carrying in his right hand.

As the two runners bumped coming off the curve, Harder



Hammerin' down . . . Senior Al McLaughlin signals victory as he rips through the finish line. Visible in the rear is South Dakota's Terry Grove, fourth. McLaughlin won the 440 in 49.9.

lost his grip dropped the baton. UNO was able to finish third in the mile relay by running a second team in an earlier heat.

Results

High Jump — 1, Larry Lucke, 6-8. 2, Paul Barnes, 6-8. 3, Rick Hollendieck, 6-6. Pole Vault — 1, Devin Kosmicki, 15-6. 3, Rick Hollendieck, 11-0. Long Jump — 3, Mike Bridges, 21-6 1/4. Triple Jump — 1, Mike Bridges, 45-4. 2, Carlos Rodgers, 42-7. 4, Rick Hollendieck, 41-9 1/2.

60-yard hurdles — 3, Mike Mertz, 8.2. 60 — 2, Bob McNair, 6.4. 3, Mark Frazier, 6.6. 300 — 4, Bret Arensdorf, 32.9. 440 — 1, Al McLaughlin, 49.9. 600 — 1, Jim Skovsende, 1:15.2. 880 — 2, Gerald Harder, 1:58.9. 3, Byron Murrell, 1:59.9. 1,000 — 1, Mike Mingo, 2:17.8. 4, Dayle Rasmussen, 2:25.0. Mile — 2, Gerald Harder, 4:18.9. 3, Byron Murrell, 4:19.5. Two Mile — 1, Ben Welch, 9:23.5. 3, Scott Pachunka, 9:37.7. Mile relay — 3, UNO, 3:33.1.

Manning leads team into conference fray

The UNO wrestling team worked its way out of a tough 16-team tournament to finish fourth, with Mark Manning taking home his third consecutive Southwest Missouri State Invitational title.

Manning, a 150-pound senior, beat Kevin Freeman of Central Oklahoma State for the title. Manning has moved his record to 33-4 over the season and was named as the North Central Conference wrestler-of-the-week for the second time this year.

Mark Weston, a 118-pound senior, lost his title bid to Southern Illinois-Edwardsville's Tim Wright. Weston, who was an NCC wrestler-of-the-week earlier this season, is currently ranked eighth in the nation in Division I. Wright was ranked seventh.

R. J. Nebe, a Maverick freshman, lost a title bid at 190 pounds when he lost 9-3 to SIU's Ernie Badge. Badge is the defending national champion in Division II.

Finishing third in the tournament for the Mavs were Curt Ramsey, 158, and Paul Jones, 177. According to Wrestling Coach Mike Denney, Jones lost to Booker Benford, an SIU wrestler who had been ranked first in Division I and is the defending national champion at 177.

Other wrestlers who placed for the Mavs were Bill Colgate, 126, and Jeff Randall, 167. Denney said that Randall had been wrestling for injured all-American Doug Hassel.

"Doug probably could have won the tournament," Denney said. "That would have made a difference of about 20 points, which would have given us second place."

Ahead of the Mavs at Southwest Missouri was Southern Illinois, Central Oklahoma and NCC rival Augustana. Southern Illinois is the top-ranked team in Division II, and Central Oklahoma is the top team in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

According to Denney, five conference schools are rated in the latest Division II lists. UNO leads the conference with a number two ranking. Behind the Mavs are North Dakota State, third, and Augustana, fifth. Also in the top 20 are St. Cloud State and South Dakota State.

During the next two weeks, UNO will wrestle SDSU in Brookings and Augustana in Sioux Falls before coming home to wrestle North Dakota State. According to Denney, UNO has never beaten the Bison in a dual.

With only six duals remaining before the conference tournament, Denney is confident the team should do well.

"We've got a shot at winning the conference," Denney said, "and that'll be the first time. We've gotten second the last three years. It's just getting old, getting second all the time."

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